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# EVANGEL UNIVERSITY

## MEMORIALS

Daniel E. Antkowiak '93 passed away May 6, 2015, due to a brain tumor. Daniel was a chemist until his retired at Robins Air Force Base in 2014. He was active in the Macon Kennel Club and his local church, serving in several programs. He is survived by his wife of 14 years, Tela, and two sons.

Helen B. (Porter) Bellinger '72 went to be with the Lord on June 7, 2015, in Springfield, MO. Helen and her husband were ordained ministers of the Assemblies of God and were active in ministry. Helen is preceded in death by her first husband, Reverend Charles Campbell. He is survived by her husband, Paul E. Bellinger of 64 years, three children, nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Neal L. Cunningham '80 passed away at the age of 57, on June 21, 2015, in Bronson, MI. Neal enjoyed serving in his local church through music. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, two sons, and a granddaughter.

Lloyd Fread '65 went to be with the Lord on January 14, 2014, from a pulmonary embolism. He is survived by his wife, Christina, two children, and five grandchildren.

Arena V. (Downey) Hay '59 passed away May 25, 2015. Arena taught school for 31 years in Springfield, MO, and retired 2002 from the classroom. She is preceded in death by her first husband, Carl H. Lorenz in 2004 and her second husband, Samuel L. Hay in 2008. She is survived by her son and daughter, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Bobby L. Johnson '64 was promoted to Heaven on August 25, 2015. He was the Arkansas District Youth Director and then accepted the pastorate at Van Buren First Assembly of God. He pastored there for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Pamela of 51 years, two children, and four grandchildren.

Eric Kesner '88 passed away April 26, 2015, unexpectedly in Harrisonburg, VA. He was a computer engineer. He is survived by his wife, Danette and their four children.

Walker Richard Miles Sr. '69 went to be with the Lord on July 1, 2015, in Springfield, MO. He was 88 years old. Richard served in the U.S. Navy and went on to become a watchmaker. He played in the Evangel Faculty Brass Quintet and his church orchestra. He is survived by his wife, Ann '62 (CBC) of 64 years, five children, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Connie Sue (Lester) Tinitali '83 passed away after a battle of liver disease. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and enjoyed cooking, crocheting, ceramics and playing the piano. She is survived by her four children and five grandchildren.

Millie Nicholson, former professor of business and member of the Evangel Ladies Auxiliary for many years, passed away September 6, 2015, in Springfield, MO. She was a long-time member of the Central Assembly of God and beloved professor and mentor to hundreds of students.

## BIRTHS

Asher Robert was born January 18, 2015, to Derek '08 and Brittany (Breidenbach) '07 Carlson. They live in Annandale VA.

John Douglas IV was born June 19, 2014, to John Lawrence '06 and Jena. They reside in Greenwood, MO.

Cora Ann came into this world on July 14, 2015, to Ben and Heather (Rooney) McBride '03.

Weston Robert was born February 18, 2015, to Mitch '07 and Amy (Myers) '05 Sims. He joins his two siblings, Adyson and Bryden.

Carolina Pamela was born December 27, 2014, to Ryan '01 and Erin (McGee) '02 Wall. Caroline joins brothers Brennon (7), Gavin (5) and Fletcher (2). They live in Coffeyville, KS.

Luke ('98) and Melanie (Armont) Gibbs welcomed twin girls Cordelia and Rosalind to join daughter Elizabeth. Luke is a professor in the humanities department.

Obadiah and Heather (Hankins) Perue '08 welcomed their second son, Samson Joseph on July 25, 2015.

Kara (Tatum) Pratt '03 welcomed Granite Giovanni into the world on May 20, 2013.

Myke and Abigail (King) Brown '05 welcomed their second child, Noah James, into the world on June 1, 2015.

## MARRIAGES

Payton '14 Cribbs and Tessa (Snavelly) were married June 21, 2015, in Springfield, MO.

Michael '12 Danner and Hallie (Kilavos) '13 were married April 25, 2015, in Branson, MO. The couple lives in Franklin, TN where Michael serves as director of marketing technology for Dr. Josh Axe.

Jared T. Lung '13 and Shelby (Hill) '16 were married in Springfield, MO, on June 27, 2015. Jared is employed by Bass Pro Shops as a production artist. Shelby is the owner of Shea Brianne Photography.

Jennie (Olson) '10 married Andrew Lissarrague on April 25, 2015. The couple lives in Bloomington, MN.

Elijah Austin '14 married Alexandria (Wade) '15 March 21, 2015. Elijah recently accepted a position as a video editor with The Program, a digital agency in Portland, OR. Alexandria owns Midland Candle Co.

Jairus Beckett '16 married Abigail (Leathers) '16 in Walnut Grove, MO, on September 5, 2015. Jairus is a worship leadership major and Abigail is studying advertising and public relations.

## The 1960s

Bernard Dana '67 was named one of Springfield Business Journal's 20 "Men of the Year" for 2015. Bernie became the chairman of Evangel University's business department in 2011. Before joining Evangel, he spent 28

years as a corporate executive and consultant, primarily in the health care industry. He was president and CEO of Retirement Centers of America Inc. in Cleveland, TN, and executive vice president and director of administrative support services for Omaha-based Vetter Holding Inc. and its 33 subsidiary corporations. He is married to Susie (Beatty) '67. They have two sons and six grandchildren.

## The 1970s

David Copeland '79 is the superintendent at Bronaugh R-7 School District, in Bronaugh, AL. He earned his doctorate at Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA.

Sam M. Coryell '95 was named one of Springfield Business Journal's 20 "Men of the Year" for 2015. Sam is the chief operating officer for a family business called TLC Properties that manages 17 multifamily complexes serving over 6,000 residents. Sam is solely responsible for managing nearly 2,800 units. He also serves on the boards for the Price Cutter Charity Championship, the Ozarks Regional YMCA, and March of Dimes. His and his wife, Jennifer, have two children.

Joyce (Laybourn) Kimbler '75 has been elected as a Judge in the Medina County Court of Common Pleas General Division, Medina County, Ohio after 29 years as a trial attorney including arguments in the Ohio Supreme Court. The common pleas court is the court of general trial jurisdiction for all civil disputes over \$15,000 and all criminal felony indictments.

## The 1980s

Joseph Castleberry '83 is president of Northwest University in Kirkland, WA. His newest book, *The New Pilgrims: How immigrants are Renewing America's Faith*, has been published in English and Spanish.

Eric Collins '81 is the head coach of the Pearl River Central high school Blue Devils' football team. This will be his sixth season in Carriere, MS.

Stanley Hall '85 and Sherri (Dixon) '85 served as missionaries to Ecuador for six years before taking a lead pastor position at Gateway Church of the Nazarene in Bridgeton, MO. Sherri is the office manager. They have two adult children.

Kevin Kleinert '83 retired from the Fort Worth, Texas, police department after 28 years.

Joy (Spillers) Hardridge '88 is the Director of Federal Programs at McDonald County R-1 School District in Anderson, MO. She has been a teacher, counselor and in administration with McDonald County since 1993.

Wayne Buchanan '85 began a new position as the Director of Safety and Security at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, FL after almost 19 years of Law Enforcement Service including the Federal Protective Service, Polk County Sheriffs Office (FL), the Tampa Police Department (Retired in 2010), and the Hillsborough County Public School system. He is also an online adjunct criminal justice professor for Northwest University and Northwest Christian University.

## The 1990s

Lou Bezak '96 was named 2014's South Carolina Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

Russ Burns '98 is the owner of Disc Golf Monkey Co. in Springfield, MO. He has designed over 30 courses in seven states. He was featured in Springfield Business Journal. net Business Spotlight 8/15.

Yvonne (Gardner) Callahan '93 received the Daisy Award for Outstanding Nurses during Nurses week by her employer, Mercy Hospital in Springfield, MO.

Michael Edgerle '95 has worked for the Adventist Health Co. as an information technologist for 15 years. They are active in their local church in Bakersfield, CA, leading a young family's life group ministry.

LaDonna (Branscom) Friesen '98 was awarded the Orville & Jewel Mills Young Faculty Award for excellence in teaching, scholarship and service as a young faculty member of Evangel University.

Johanna Gardiner '97 is the administrative assistant in the education department at Elizabethtown College in Elizabethtown, PA. She also serves part-time as the children's ministry director at Duncannon Assembly of God.

Col. Raul E. Gonzalez '91 commander of the 5th Armored Brigade, Division West, First Army, relinquished command to become the effects director for U.S. Army Pacific at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

Gavin Miller '93 is the assistant principal for T.S. Hill Middle School in Dexter, MO.

Jeff and Nancy (Patterson) Piker '99 are the campus pastors at The Journey Church in Russellville, AR. They have four children. In 2013, Jeff was inducted into the Evangel University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Jeremy Pinkerman '96 is the chief financial officer, executive vice president of finance for Wells Co., located in Le Mars, IA, and maker of Blue Bunny ice cream and frozen novelties. He has been with Wells Co., since 2007.

Tamara (Tarpley) Welter '91 is the chair of journalism and integrated media at Biola University in La Mirada, CA.

Stephanie Farmer '91 assumed the Presidency of the Association of Academic Surgical Administrators in October 2015. This is a national association of over 260 members representing surgical departments at over 75 academic medical schools across the US.

Donnie '94 and Blythe Mason will be moving to Moscow, Russia from St. Petersburg, Russia on July 1 to continue their work amongst Central Asian migrant workers. The Masons are International Workers with the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

## The 2000s

Micah Billman '08 is the annual fund and young alumni manager for Evangel University. His wife, Jennifer (Huneycutt) '06, is a special education teacher for Logan-Rogersville School District. They have two young children.

Brandon Doke '08 is a high school physical education and weight training teacher, and varsity head baseball coach for Pleasant Hope High School, Pleasant Hope, MO. He is married to Jenna and they have a son, Parker.

Erin (Rollison) Hedlun '06 is the public information director for Springfield-Greene County Office of Emergency Management in Springfield, MO.

Shaundra (Fletcher) Ingram '04 is the business management teacher at Buffalo High School in Buffalo, MO. She also assists in coaching the high school girls' softball team with her husband, Eric '06.

Amy (Horton) Johnson '03 is a licensed professional counselor and home-based therapist for The Montcalm Center for Behavioral Health in Stanton, MI. She also supervises family support programs and service providers.

Derek Logsdon '08 is one of two recipients of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center's Marilyn Hester Fellowship for the 2015-16 academic year. Derek is pursuing a doctorate in pharmacology with a minor in cancer biology. He has been published in Missouri Medicine and the Journal of Biological Chemistry.

Nicholas Mattiuzzo '06 works for CreativeOne as a graphic designer in Leawood, KS. He and his wife, Katherine (Olson) '08 have two young children.

Jarad Rinne '08 is the principal for Licking High School in Licking, MO.

Holly Salewski '09 is a marketing manager for DLR Group (an integrated design firm providing architecture, engineering, planning, interior design and building optimization). She supports the firm's presence coast-to-coast and in China. She lives in Seattle, WA.

Luke P. Reine Shaw '03 was voted runner-up by his peers for "Top Doctor, Family Practice" for Springfield, MO, noted in the 417 Magazine, Spring 2015.

Steve Shepherd '01 was recently the guest speaker for the Southern Baptist Church Sportman's Banquet in Stockton, MO. Steve is the men's basketball coach for College of the Ozarks in Branson, MO., since 2002. He was an assistant coach for four years at Evangel University.

Jared Stevens '08 qualified with team 417 for the Crossfit Games in California this summer, 2015. His team is one of 40 teams, globally, to make it.

Nikki Williams '01 is a physician's assistant at Western State Colorado University, Gunnison, CO. She recently returned from a medical missions trip to El Salvador with Joyce Meyer's Hand of Hope Ministries.

Stephen Williams '00 is employed by Teen Challenge Adventure Ranch, counseling troubled adolescent boys, in Prairie Grove, AR.

Drew Garrison '07 recently took the position of Director of Church Development at Mission of Hope Haiti.

Loralee Varady '07 received a Masters of Business Administration from Newcastle University, United Kingdom.

Kimberly (Bracci) Overby '07 is now the Director of Integrated Marketing and Communications at Evangel University.

## The 2010s

Skyler (Warren) Brown '10 is the assistant principal of the Ozark Upper Elementary in Ozark, MO. Skyler has taught math and coached volleyball at Ozark High School the last four years.

Zane Burgess '15 has a piece of his art hanging in the president's office at Evangel University. He graduated from Evangel with honors as the Outstanding Graduate in studio art. His painting is the center of campus that was purchased by the student government leaders to present to Dr. Carol Taylor on the occasion of her inauguration as president.

Scott Hill '12 was named one of Springfield Business Journal's 20 "Men of the Year" for 2015. Scott has been with the Springfield (MO) Police Department since 2007. He was promoted to detective with the violent crimes unit in December 2012. Scott is married to Jessica (Vale) '05 and has one son.

Gabrielle Hartmann '15 is an outreach presenter for the Science Center of Iowa in Des Moines. She travels the state putting on science presentations for students of all ages, wearing a cape and driving the "Wonder Van."

Zach Kidder '12 works for Chapman Leonard out of New Orleans, as a movie crane operator. The company provides dollies, camera cars and cranes for movie and television productions across the country.

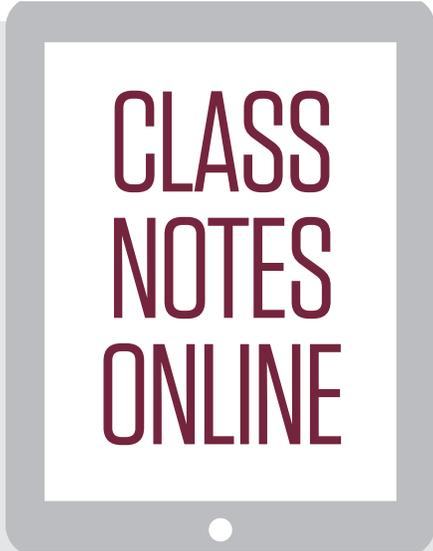
J. Joshua Kleine '11 is a K-12 physical education teacher for Humansville School District in Humansville, MO. He joined the teaching team for the 2015-16 school year.

Christian J. Mendez '14 is a Missouri State Trooper for Douglas and Ozark counties.

Ana Pierce '12 accepted a position with the magazine Vital as assistant editor, both for the website and print version. The office is located in Nashville, TN.

Jose Socorro '12 has joined The Young Businessmen of Tulsa Networking Group as the director of communication for this Christian business. He manages the Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter and other communication needs for the group.

Scott Tennison '11 took a new position at Guaranty Bank in Springfield, MO, as vice president and small business banking officer. He came from Liberty Bank with 13 years of banking experience.



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# CENTRAL BIBLE COLLEGE

## MEMORIALS

Mary Frances Berkhiser '51 went to be with the Lord on March 7, 2015, in Brentwood, TN. Frances was the head librarian for Evangel University for 20 years from 1957 to 1977. She is survived by her two daughters, three grandchildren and a foster son.

John Casoria '55 passed away on April 21, 2015, in Snellville, GA. He was a WWII veteran of the U.S. Army and former dean of the University of South Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy '54, two sons, three grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

William Richard Craighead '50 passed away on March 17, 2015. He is survived by his wife, Lillian '46.

David Eugene Collins '84 was a foreign-service specialist for the American Foreign Service Association when he passed away April 2013. April 2015, David's name was inscribed on the memorial wall next to the names of 245 individuals who have been recognized for making the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.

Alta Culpepper '53 went to be with the Lord on March 14, 2015, at the age of 83 years of age. She lived in Mount Vernon, MO. She was an Assemblies of God minister, a travel evangelist, had a radio program and did kids crusades.

Howard L. Fox '41 passed away on May 17, 2015, in Whittier, CA. His wife, Charlotte, preceded him in death by three weeks.

Clyde E. Gilbert '50 passed away at the age of 90 on April 27, 2015, in Alexandria, LA. He served in World War II with the 438th Bomber Group flying as a tail gunner on a B-17 Bomber. He was an Assemblies of God ordained minister for 63 years and pastored in Kansas and Louisiana. He was a pastor, district presbyter, secretary and director of the district campground. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Joan '48, two sons, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Ronald W. Grace '70 went to be with the Lord on June 22, 2015, in Fort Worth, TX. He owned an insurance firm until his retirement in 2012. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, two children and seven grandchildren.

Virginia Clara Hamlin '46 was 90 years old when she passed away on April 10, 2015, in Battle Creek, MI. She was an Assemblies of God missionary in Northern India for 44 years then served as the senior adult pastor at First Assembly of God until retiring.

Ernest J. Kumpe '52 passed away at the age of 92 in Exeter, CA, on April 5, 2015. He served his country in WWII as a Boatswain's mate on the USS Hopewell. He was a pastor, a member of the board of directors for Southern California College, executive director of the Teen Challenge program and executive presbyter of the Southern California AG. His wife, Gladys (James) '51, preceded him in death. He is survived by his two sons, four grandsons, and three great-grandsons.

Vernon F. Miller '54 passed away on April 15, 2015, in Portage, MI. Vernon was a pastor, insurance sales rep and a teacher. He is survived by his wife, Wilda (Isaacs) '54, three children, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Charles E. Pace '56 passed away at the age of 85 in Springfield, MO. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie.

Mary Florence Paproski '46 passed away on June 30, 2015, at the age of 94. She and her husband, John '50 of 66 years, were both licensed ministers and pastored together. Florence was active in women's ministries across the state of New Jersey. John preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter and son, five grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Harry Rideout '64 passed away at the age of 73 on June 6, 2015, in Surprise, AZ. He pastored for 35 years and participated in 43 mission trips. Harry is survived by his wife, Gerti, five children and 16 grandchildren.

Mary Lucille Robbins '65 went to be with the Lord July 3, 2015. She served as a missionary for three years and was an active member of her church.

Jerry T. Sluka '69 passed away June 20, 2015, at the age of 68 after a brave battle with prostate cancer. He served as a youth pastor, music minister, singer, counselor and flight attendant throughout his lifetime.

John E. Tucker '72 passed away at the age of 68 on July 25, 2015, in Jonesboro, AR. He was the son of the late J.W. Tucker, missionary to Africa. John was a respiratory therapist and raised Limousine cattle on his farm. He is survived by his wife, Julia, four children, four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Norman Wenig '58 went to be with the Lord May 17, 2015, in Des Moines, IA. He has been an Assemblies of God ordained minister since 1962 and served in the Iowa District Office and pastored for over 50 years. After Norm's first wife passed away, he married Katherine McDonald. He is survived by Katherine, his three children, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

## 1970s

Joseph D. Carota '73 recently authored a book entitled, New Testament Psalms, Praises for the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. It can be purchased through Amazon, Barnes and Nobles and Tate Publishing.

Curt Dalaba '77 took the position as the Michigan District Secretary-Treasurer for the Assemblies of God. He and his wife, Anneliese reside in Dewitt, MO.

## 1990s

Robert M. Eby '96 is the lead pastor at Southwest Community Church in Minooka, IL. His wife, Lori '96 works for the State of Illinois. They have three sons.